

What is claimed is:

1. A socket for an electrical part which comprises:

a socket body which is mounted on a circuit board and accommodates the electrical part; and

a contact pin disposed in the socket body, through which the circuit board and the electrical part are electrically connected,

the socket body comprising an accommodating surface portion to accommodate the electrical part,

a height of the accommodating surface portion being an approximately the same height as that of another socket which is disposed next to the socket, and

when a plurality of the sockets for the electrical part are disposed adjacently to each other , the electrical part can be mounted over a plurality of accommodating surface portions in such a manner as bridging the accommodating surface portions.

2. The socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, wherein the accommodating surface portion is a floating plate made to be vertically moveable and urged upward, the floating plate having a through hole through which the contact pin is inserted.

3. The socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, wherein a peripheral edge portion of the accommodating surface portion is formed

to be positioned at a place close to a peripheral edge portion of the accommodating surface portion of another socket disposed next to the socket.

4. The socket for an electrical part according to claim 3, wherein the contact pins are disposed up to the peripheral edge portions of the accommodating surface portion.

5. The socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, wherein a cover member is rotatably attached to the socket body and a pressing member for pressing the electrical part is attached to the cover member, pressing portions of the pressing member being arranged in such a manner as lined up in a plurality of rows along a right and left direction.

6. A socket for an electrical part which comprises:

a socket body to be mounted on a circuit board and to accommodate the electrical part; and

a plurality of contact pins disposed in the socket body, through which the circuit board and the electrical part are electrically connected,

the socket body having,

a contact unit in which the contact pins are disposed,

a cover supporting member attached to one end portion side of the contact unit, the cover supporting member having a cover member rotatably attached to the cover supporting member, and

an engaging member for engaging a front edge portion side of the cover member, the engaging member being provided at the other end portion side of the contact unit,

the socket body is divided into three parts -- the contact unit, the cover supporting member and the engaging member -- .

7. The socket for an electrical part according to claim 6, wherein the contact unit has an accommodating surface portion to accommodate the electrical part,

a height of the accommodating surface portion having an approximately the same height as that of another socket which is disposed next to the socket, and

when a plurality of the sockets for the electrical part are adjacently disposed, the electrical part can be mounted over a plurality of the accommodating surface portions in such a manner as bridging the adjacently disposed accommodating surface portions.

8. A method for using the socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, which comprises:

disposing a plurality of the sockets in an adjacent manner on the circuit board; and

accommodating the electrical part over the accommodating surface portions of the sockets for the electrical part in such a manner as bridging the accommodating surface portions.

9. A method for using the socket for an electrical part according to claim 7, which comprises:

disposing a plurality of the sockets in an adjacent manner on the circuit board; and

accommodating the electrical part over the accommodating surface portions of the sockets for the electrical part in such a manner as bridging the accommodating surface portions.

10. A method for using the socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, which comprises:

disposing the accommodating surface portion of the socket in such a manner as almost contacting with the peripheral edge portion of the adjacent socket by installing the sockets for the electrical part adjacently to each other on the circuit board; and

accommodating the electrical part over the accommodating surface portions in such a manner as bridging the accommodating surface portions.

11. A method for using the socket for an electrical part according to claim 7, which comprises:

disposing the accommodating surface portion of the socket in such a manner as almost contacting with the peripheral edge portion of the adjacent socket by installing the sockets for the electrical part adjacently to

each others on the circuit board; and

accommodating the electrical part over the accommodating surface portions in such a manner as bridging the accommodating surface portions.